for every completed year of service subject to maximum of 33 months or Rs. 1 lakh, whichever is less.

*Weightage of five years is added to actual service for calculation.

Assistance admissible to the injured personnel

Army personnel injured in clashes with militants in J&K area are entitled to War Injury Pension equal to the reckonable emoluments last drawn for 100% disabilities. In cases where the disability is less than 100%, the amount of War Injury Pension shall be proportionately reduced. In no case, however, would the amount of War Injury Pension be less than 60% of the reckonable emoluments last drawn in the case of Officers, and 80% of the reckonable emoluments last drawn in the case of personnel below Officers rank.

The minimum amount of War Injury Pension shall also be admissible in case the degree of disability is assessed at below 20% at the time of invalidment or any subsequent reassessment stage.

575. *[Transferred to 4th August, 1993]*

Military cooperation with Israel

576. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into military cooperation with Israel; and

(b) if so, what are the areas of cooperation with Israel and what are the conditions, if any, attached to the cooperation between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Israel has opened up opportunities for bilateral cooperation in all fields including defence. Discussions in this regard have been held. These have, however, been exploratory in nature and no arrangement for cooperation has so far been finalised.

Separate Ministry and Labour Laws for KVIC

577. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 lac people are engaged in the production and sale of Khadi and Village Industries product in the country at present;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to have a separate Ministry and Labour Laws for Khadi and Village Industries Sectors; and

(c) when this proposal is likely to be given practical shape?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Manufacturing of cars for common man

578. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cars are becoming costly;

(b) whether Government propose to manufacture any car for the use of common man in the range of Rs. one lakh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) There is no statutory control on the prices of cars. However, with the reduction in excise duty on cars in the 1993-94 budget, all the major car manufacturers in the country have announced reduction in prices.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Manufacture of cars has since been delicensed to give a free hand to the entrepreneurs to meet the market demand.